

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending November 18 (No. 46) and corresponding week 1960.

* Figures of cases are for the countries shown and London administrative county. Figures of deaths and births are for the whole of England and Wales (London included), London administrative county, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire.

A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available. The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars-General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES	1961					1960						
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire		
Diphtheria ..	0	0	3	0		2	0	0	0			
Dysentery ..	414	35	245	23	12	492	72	155	2	8		
Encephalitis, acute	3	0		0		2	0	0	0			
Enteric fever:												
Typhoid ..	15	2	0	0		5	0	0	0			
Paratyphoid ..	7	0	0	1		4	0	0	0			
Food-poisoning ..	97	8	8	4		151	41	34	0			
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				10	36				14	28		
Measles*	937	33	13	70	145	5,412	302	162	35	68		
Meningococcal infection	14	2	8	0		13	0	7	0	2		
Ophthalmia neonatorum	16	1	0	0		22	3	1	0			
Pneumonia† ..	179	13	99	1	4	284	18	135	1			
Poliomyelitis, acute:												
Paralytic ..	21	3	0	} 0		{ 11	4	0	0	}	0	3
Non-paralytic ..	6	0	3									
Puerperal fever‡ ..	143	30	13	0		133	27	12	1			
Scarlet fever ..	413	22	46	16	18	499	32	66	34	27		
Tuberculosis:												
Respiratory ..	339	61	59	16		399	69	70	16			
Non-respiratory	2	15	11	1		56	2	8	1			
Whooping-cough	197	21	30	9	16	1,055	73	101	8	39		

DEATHS	1961					1960				
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery ..	1	0		0		1	0		1	
Encephalitis, acute		0			0					0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	5	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	2	1
Influenza ..	18	2	0	0	0	15	0	1	1	1
Measles ..		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		0	0				0	0		
Pneumonia ..	565	46	25	21	7	540	52	20	11	7
Poliomyelitis, acute	4	1		0	0	0	0		0	0
Scarlet fever ..		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	62	3	7	1	1	73	6	5	1	5
Non-respiratory ..		1		0	0			0		
Whooping-cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	318	23	23	12	9	318	29	15	11	11
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	10,648	849	674	135	121	10,460	832	617	131	154
LIVE BIRTHS ..	14,749	1270	943	239	354	14,446	1211	907	256	471
STILLBIRTHS ..	273	25	21			292	19	20		

* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate.

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

Medical News

Contraceptive Pill

The Minister of Health announced in Parliament on December 4 that contraceptive pills can be prescribed under the National Health Service. He was replying to a question from Mr. N. RIDLEY (Con., Cirencester and Tewkesbury). The following exchange then took place:

Mr. RIDLEY: Can my right hon. Friend confirm or deny that these pills can cost up to 17s. a month if prescribed? In view of this will the Minister not lay down and publish very careful instructions as to when they may be used, since the prescribing of these pills could cost a lot of money if not controlled on medical grounds?

Mr. POWELL: It is not for me to indicate to doctors what they should decide, for medical reasons, to prescribe for their patients.

Mr. LIPTON (Lab., Brixton): Is it left to the doctor to decide whether these pills shall be prescribed both for married and single women?

Mr. POWELL: It is always for the individual doctor to decide in each case what are the medical requirements.

A leading article on the contraceptive pill appeared in the *Journal* of September 16, 1961, p. 754.

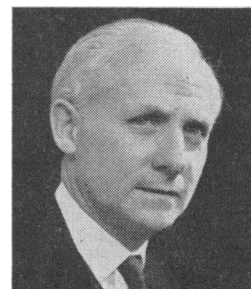
Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

A proposal that the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow should become a Royal College is at present being considered, said Dr. J. H. WRIGHT, the President, at the Faculty's biennial dinner on December 1. The term "faculty" had come to be regarded as a branch of a university or medical college, and in consequence Fellows of the Royal Faculty had been at a disadvantage in competing for posts with Fellows or Members of other colleges. Furthermore, the absence of the double tier of membership and fellowship had made it impossible for them to have full reciprocity with their sister colleges in medicine. Dr. Wright also announced that Sir HUGH FRASER, an Honorary Fellow, had offered to defray all reasonable expenses in the creation of a new library for the Royal Faculty. The cost, Dr. Wright said, would be about £20,000 or £25,000. (*Glasgow Herald*, December 2.)

Chair of Bacteriology, Westminster Hospital Medical School

Dr. B. W. Lacey, reader in bacteriology at Westminster Hospital Medical School, has been appointed to the newly established chair of bacteriology there from October next year.

Dr. Lacey, who is 48, qualified from Middlesex Hospital Medical School in 1936 and proceeded M.D. in 1954. He joined the staff of the Bland Sutton Institute in 1937. During the war he served in the Army Blood Transfusion Service as pathologist to general hospitals in the Middle East and in 1945 as assistant director of pathology, Middle East Forces, and officer commanding the Central Pathological Laboratory in Cairo. He has been consultant bacteriologist to Westminster Hospital since 1948 and reader in bacteriology since 1952. Dr. Lacey has been particularly interested in whooping-cough, and his published work includes papers on the diagnosis of pertussis, chemotherapeutic synergy, and the influence of environment on the antigenic structure of micro-organisms.



New Members of Royal Society Council

Among the new members elected to the Council of the Royal Society are Sir HAROLD HIMSWORTH, secretary of the Medical Research Council, and Professor W. T. J. MORGAN, deputy director of the Lister Institute.

Hastings Wine Club

The Schoolmasters Wine Club is arranging a tour of the vineyards and places of interest in Southern Spain from

April 7 to 18. The itinerary of the tour, which starts and ends in Madrid, includes Cordoba, Seville, Jerez, Granada, and Toledo. The cost of the round trip from Madrid is £30, but this does not include the journey to and from Madrid from the United Kingdom. Any member of the Hastings Wine Club who would like to join the tour may obtain details from the Honorary Secretary of the Schoolmasters Wine Club either at 188 Brompton Road, London S.W.3 or c/o B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

Heberden Society

The annual dinner of the Heberden Society held in the Fellows' Restaurant at the Zoological Gardens on December 1, with Dr. F. DUDLEY HART, the president, in the chair, was attended by a record number (162) of members and guests. The toast to the Society was proposed by Lord KNOLLYS, who congratulated it on its silver jubilee. After commiserating with its members on the difficulty of raising money for research on rheumatism, he said he was hopefully looking forward to the time when rheumatologists would get all the money they needed. In reply Dr. DUDLEY HART congratulated Professor J. H. Kellgren on being the first worker in Britain to obtain the Gairdner Foundation award. He said the high spot of the Heberden year was the scintillating Heberden Oration given that day by Lord Cohen of Birkenhead, to whom he then presented the Heberden Medal. After Dr. W. S. C. COPEMAN had briefly described the history of the Society from its foundation 25 years ago, two agreeable speeches ended the evening. Dr. A. G. S. HILL proposing the health of the guests, who had as their spokesman the Very Rev. ERIC ABBOTT, Dean of Westminster.

"Enzymologia Biologica et Clinica"

Enzymologia Biologica, a new international journal for biological and medical enzymology, is to be published quarterly. Its languages of publication are English, German, French, Italian, and Spanish. Dr. A. G. EVERSON PEARSE (London) is one of the principal editors, and the editors are Professor Dr. N. DIOGUARDI (Italy), Dr. R. RICHTERICH (Switzerland), and Dr. F. W. SCHMIDT (Germany). The subscription rate for one year is Sw. fr. 56 or U.S. \$13.50, and details may be obtained from the publishers, S. Karger S.A., 25 Arnold-Böcklin-Strasse, Basle, Switzerland.

Experimental Eye Research

Experimental Eye Research is a new quarterly journal of which Dr. H. DAVSON (London) and Dr. E. A. BALAZS (Boston) are chief editors. It will publish the results of original research on the anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and biophysics of the eye. The annual subscription is £5 15s. annually, and details may be obtained from the publishers, Academic Press, 17 Old Queen Street, London S.W.1.

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare

The National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare has issued a leaflet, *Neo-Natal Cold Injury*, which gives warning of the striking and deceptive redness of cheeks and extremities in newborn babies suffering from severe chilling. Copies may be obtained from Comatchwel Ltd., at the National Association's address: Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1. (Single copies cost 9d. each, post free; bulk orders £2 10s. per 100, or £21 per 1,000, plus carriage at cost.)

Ministry of Health Building Notes

Guidance on the design of training schools for nurses is given in No. 14, the latest in the series of the Ministry of Health Building Notes (H.M.S.O., price 1s. 6d. net). Costs are dealt with in a loose-leaf sheet issued as an addendum to Hospital Building Note No. 2, *The Cost of Hospital Buildings*. The cost allowances set out are related to the number of places provided—for example, for the first 100 student nurse places the allowance is £23,500, with £88 for each additional place.

Invalid Children's Aid Association

At the annual general meeting of the Invalid Children's Aid Association held on November 21 the chairman, Mr. W. E. WALLACE, referred to the developing work of the I.C.A.A. and particularly the building of a new wing at Pilgrims School, Seaford, for the care largely of asthmatic boys, to which the Wolfson Foundation had contributed £20,000. Dr. A. WHITE FRANKLIN paid tribute to the Buttle Trust, whose generous grant had allowed the I.C.A.A. to start house-hunting for a new home and school for children without speech, and said that perhaps the most exciting new project was the establishing of a combined casework unit to be set up in London for workers from the Invalid Children's Aid Association, the Family Welfare Association, and the Family Service Units. This was being made possible by a grant from the London Parochial Charities of £60,000 to be spread over five years.

News from Australia

► The annual report of the Royal Flying Doctor Service says that in the last year the service's planes made 1,500 flights and its bases provided 11,000 medical consultations by radio. The service was used during the year by 800 white patients and 500 aborigines and cost £A.250,000. It has recently expanded its work by providing regular dental treatment for the inhabitants of the remote Furneaux Islands in Bass Strait.

► The Australian Health and Medical Research Council has recommended that public authorities throughout Australia should add fluorine to their water supplies to help reduce dental decay.

► The Australian Health and Medical Research Council has asked its nutrition committee to report on the desirability or otherwise of uniform State and Federal action to restrict the sale of vitamins.

Presentation to Sir John Boyd

Pathologists who served in the M.E.F. and C.M.F. are holding a reunion dinner in London on January 4. Sir JOHN BOYD, F.R.S., will be the guest of honour and it is hoped to make a presentation to him at a later date. Those who would like to be associated with this gift should communicate with Professor G. J. CUNNINGHAM, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London W.C.2.

Royal Society of Health

Dr. J. GALLOWAY, Wolverhampton's Medical Officer of Health, is to be chairman of the council of the Royal Society of Health from January 1.

Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital Transfer

The administration of Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital, which since 1953 has been administered directly by the Ministry of Health, was transferred to the Board of Governors of Westminster Hospital on December 1. The administration of the Limb-fitting Centre will remain the responsibility of the Ministry.

Professions Supplementary to Medicine

The Registrar of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, Mr. J. S. TAPSFIELD, took up his appointment on December 1. The address of the Council is St. Luke's Hospital, Sydney Street, London S.W.3.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Dr. J. D. S. CAMERON has been re-elected President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

Industrial Injuries Advisory Council

The following are among those appointed or reappointed to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council for the new term which began on November 30: Professor R. E. LANE, Mr. S. A. S. MALKIN, Dr. D. G. MORGAN, Dr. L. G. NORMAN, Dr. ALICE M. STEWART.* (*New appointment.)

In Brief

An abstract mural painting by William Scott which is to be placed in the entrance hall at the Altnagelvin Hospital

in Londonderry will be on exhibition for a few weeks at the Tate Gallery. The mural, 46 feet long and 9 feet high, is painted on 15 panels.

Schofield Hall, a £25,000 extension to the headquarters of the Manchester Institute for the Deaf, was officially opened on November 22.

People in the News

► Professor A. C. FRAZER, professor of medical biochemistry and pharmacology at the University of Birmingham, has been appointed chairman of a commission to advise the East African Governments on the future financing and administration of research in their territories in medicine and natural resources.

► Dr. J. F. WILKINSON, director of the Department of Haematology at the University of Manchester, has been elected a president of the European Haematological Society.

► Mr. B. N. BROOKE, reader in surgery at the University of Birmingham, has been awarded the Graham award for 1961 of the American Proctologic Society for his work on non-malignant ulcerative disease of the colon.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.—Professor A. W. WILKINSON, "Some Surgical Aspects of Neonatal Homeostasis," December 8, 3.30 p.m., in hall of College.

Chest and Heart Association.—Symposium, "Modern Views on the Diagnosis and Management of 'Stroke' Illnesses," January 23, 3.30–7.30 p.m., Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W.1. Chairman: Sir RUSSELL BRAIN. Details from C.H.A., Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

Central Council for Health Education.—Annual conference, "Parents and Children," January 25, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., National Film Theatre. Details from Medical Director, C.C.H.E., Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

NEW ISSUES OF SPECIALIST JOURNALS

The Journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

THORAX

- A Clinical Evaluation of the Rygg-Kyvsgaard III and the Mark III Pump Oxygenators. E. Arnfred, Inge H. Rygg, Torkild Frederiksen, H. C. Engell, Thue Poulsen, and J. Rosen.
- A Technique for the Combination of Profound Hypothermia and Extracorporeal Circulation with Complete Circulatory Arrest. A. J. Gunning.
- The Technique of Hypothermic Perfusion. P. J. Molloy and R. I. Lindfield.
- The Results and Complications of Hypothermic Perfusion. P. J. Molloy.
- Surgical Correction of Constriction of the Aorta by an "Isthmoplasty" Operation. K. Vosschulte.
- The Surgical Treatment of the Tetralogy of Fallot. C. N. Barnard and V. Schrire.
- Haemolytic Anaemia of Mechanical Origin after Open Heart Surgery. H. M. Sayed, J. V. Dacic, D. A. Handley, S. M. Lewis, and W. P. Cleland.
- The Streptomycin Concentration in Tuberculous Cavities. K. D. Arosenius, V. O. Björk, and G. Laurell.
- Multiple Pulmonary Artery Aneurysms. Robert W. Charlton and Louis A. Du Plessis.
- Rheumatoid Pneumoconiosis (Caplan's Syndrome) in an Asbestos Worker. W. G. Tellsson.
- Myelomatosis with Extensive Pulmonary Involvement. Zelman Freeman.
- Tracheopathia Osteoplastica. R. Salm.
- Failure of Sternal Fusion with Herniation of the Pericardium. H. T. Thompson.
- Acute Disseminated Histoplasmosis of Pulmonary Origin Probably Contracted in Britain. A. A. Miller, F. Ramsden, and M. R. Geake.
- An Unusual Case of Haemoptysis. F. J. Clark.
- Proceedings of the Thoracic Society.
- Index.

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SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked Ⓢ. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, December 11

- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. J. F. Goodwin: Pulmonary Vascular Disorders.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Edridge-Green Lecture by Sir Wilfrid E. le Gros Clark, F.R.S.: Sorting Principle in Sensory Analysis as Illustrated by the Visual Pathways.

Tuesday, December 12

- ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS OF EDINBURGH.—At Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 7.45 for 8 p.m., Mr. F. J. Gillingham, Mr. McCormack, Mr. McNair, and Mr. J. Scott: Care of Patients with Multiple Injuries.
- BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., Dr. J. Michael Jefferson: Thrombosis of the Anterior Cerebral Artery.
- BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. I. D. P. Wootton: Retention of Aromatic Compounds in Acute Renal Failure.
- ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. N. Compston: Megaloblastic Anaemias.
- ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—5.30 p.m., Harben Lecture by Sir Christopher H. Andrewes, F.R.S.: The Common Cold—(1) Background.
- ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Mr. Aleck Bourne: Amenorrhoea, its Causes and Significance.

Wednesday, December 13

- FOUNTAIN HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Dr. K. Bobath: Problems of Treatment of Patients with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Subnormality.
- INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. H. Nicholson: Early Diagnosis of Bronchial Carcinoma.
- INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. D. M. Wallace: Cancer of the Bladder.
- MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF PATHOLOGY.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. J. O. Tobin: Live or Dead Poliomyelitis Vaccines?
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. W. W. Payne: Biochemistry in the Newborn.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Dr. I. Friedmann: Electron Microscopy.
- ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.—5.15 p.m., Dr. R. A. Womersley: Magnesium Metabolism.
- ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—5.30 p.m., Harben Lecture by Sir Christopher H. Andrewes, F.R.S.: The Common Cold—(2) Recent Laboratory Work.
- SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: NUTRITION PANEL.—At 14 Belgrave Square, London S.W., 6.15 p.m., subject: Foods Low in Carbohydrate. Papers by Professor W. J. H. Butterfield and Mr. A. F. Jackson and Dr. G. R. Howat. Ph.D., F.R.I.C.

Thursday, December 14

- BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY.—At Large Theatre, Queen's Building, University Walk, 8.30 p.m., Mr. H. Gwynne Jones, B.Sc.: Behaviourist Approach to Neurosis and its Treatment.
- BROOK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—5.45 p.m., Dr. C. L. Joiner: Nephrotic Syndrome.
- CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Audit Room, King's College, Cambridge, 8.30 p.m., Professor J. D. Boyd: Vesalius.
- INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Alvar Swensson (Stockholm): Respirator Treatment for Children.
- LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—6 p.m., Christmas cocktail party.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Robert Jones Lecture by Mr. William Gissane: Basic Surgery of Major Injuries of the Motorways.
- ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—5.30 p.m., Harben Lecture by Sir Christopher H. Andrewes, F.R.S.: The Common Cold—(3) Epidemiology and Possibilities of Control.
- ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., Dr. F. I. C. Apted: Sleeping Sickness in Tanganyika: Past, Present, and Future. A discussion will follow.

Friday, December 15

- INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. Smart: clinical demonstration.
- KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Keighley and District Victoria Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. R. M. Gibson and Dr. D. Taverner: The Stroke Syndrome.

Saturday, December 16

- BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Wolfson Institute, Postgraduate Medical School of London, 10.30 a.m., 411th meeting.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

- Colston.—On November 25, 1961, in Birmingham, to Enid (formerly Furnival) and Dr. Brian Colston, a daughter—Lucy Brigid.
- Connell.—On November 22, 1961, at R.A.F. Hospital, Norton Hall, Lincolnshire, to Joan M. Connell (formerly Whitham), M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., and J. W. M. Connell, a brother for Michael, Caroline, and Patricia—Delmond Norman John.
- Oliver.—On October 31, 1961, to Drs. Margaret (formerly Abbey) and Mical Oliver, of East Morningside House, Edinburgh, a brother for John, Sarah, and Mark—Paul James Yool.
- Shindler.—On November 24, 1961, to Dr. Elizabeth (formerly Korn) and Stanley Shindler, a daughter—Penelope Anne.

DEATHS

- Coad.—On November 19, 1961, Stanley Allan Coad, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of the Nightingales, Southborough, Kent, aged 91.
- Gillespie-Hill.—On November 17, 1961, at King Edward VIIth Hospital, Windsor, Rachel Noeleen Gillespie-Hill, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Wraysbury House, Wraysbury, Bucks.
- Judah.—On November 14, 1961, at Bombay, India, David Judah, M.D., aged 81.
- Mackay.—On November 18, 1961, Charles Mackay, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M., of Hill Rise, Winterbourne Road, Teignmouth, Devon.
- Mayberry.—On November 21, 1961, at Greenlane, Riverhall Hill, Frant, Sussex, George Mayberry, L.R.C.P.I., aged 78.
- Osborn.—On November 20, 1961, at Ipswich Nursing Home, Sidney Osborn, M.B., Ch.B., L.D.S.R.C.S., of 61 Henley Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, aged 72.
- O'Shea.—On August 30, 1961, Patrick O'Shea, M.B., B.Ch., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired.
- Taylor.—On November 22, 1961, at Bath Nursing Home, Stuart Hopcraft Stanley Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., of 10 Edward Street, Bathwick, Bath.